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SYNTHESIS OF ESTROGEN-PURINE BASE AND ESTROGEN-

MERCAPTURATE ADDUCTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF

FLUORESCENT PROBES AND MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES TO

ASSAY THOSE ADDUCTS

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be made of record in the divisional case.

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence: - This is a divisional of co-pending commonly owned application Serial Number 08/634,941 filed on April 19, 1996, -- new palent of Mumber 5,8 40,889

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-31 without prejudice as drawn to a non-elected invention.

# CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby declare that the attached Preliminary Amendment has been mailed by U.S. Postal Service's "Post Office to Addressee" Express Mail service in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, Box Patent Application, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of April, 1998.

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